

# OBSERVATIONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI BY THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION –Summer 1804



William Clark  
June 16, 1804  
Near Waverly, Missouri

“Set out at 7 oClock at about a mile ½ we came to the Camp of our hunters, they had two Bear and two Deer, proceeded on pass a Island on the S.S. [starboard side] a heavy rain came on & lasted a Short time, we came to on the S.S. in a Prairie at the place where Mr. Mackey lais down a old french fort, I could See no traces of a Settlement of any kind, in the plain I discovered a kind of Grass resembling Timothey which appeared well calculated for Hay. This Plain is verry extensive in the evening I walked on the S.S. to see if any timber was convt. To make Oars, which we were much in want of, I found some indifferent timber and Struck the river above the boat at a bad Sand bar, the worst I has Seen which the boat must pass or Drop back Several Miles & Stem a Swift Current on the opsd. Side of an Isd. The Boat however assended the middle of the Streem which was difficult Dangerous. We cam to above this place at Dark and Camped in a bad place, The Mosquitoes and Ticks are noumerous & bad.”

-Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

William Clark  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1804  
Near Kansas City

“The Prairies come with a Short distance of the river on each Side which contains in addition to Plumbs Raspberries &c. vast quantities of wild apples, great numbs. of Deer are seen feeding on the young willows & earbage in the Banks and on the Sand bars in the river, our party on Shore did not join in this evening we camped on an Island Situated on the S. Side, opposite some hills higher than Common, say 160 or 180 feet above Bottom...”

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